

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	MCCLURKEN et al.	Examiner:	R. J. HUPCZEY, Jr.
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

This Proposed Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2009. As this response is being filed one month after the one month shortened statutory period, Applicant petitions herein for a one month extension of time to extend the period of timely response to January 24, 2010. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 6 of this paper.